

Provisional Vital Statistics for April 2013

Live Births increased in April as 5,937 Missouri babies were born compared with 5,815 born one year earlier. However, cumulative births for the 4- and 12-month periods ending with April both decreased slightly. For January-April, births decreased by 0.6 percent from 23,825 to 23,681.

Deaths increased in April as 4,788 Missourians died compared with 4,433 in April, 2012. Deaths also increased for the 4- and 12-month periods ending with April. For January-April, there was a 7.3 percent increase in Missouri resident deaths from 19,096 to 20,497.

The **Natural Increase** in April for Missourians was 1,149 (5,937 births minus 4,788 deaths). The natural increase declined for both the 4- and 12-month periods ending with April. For the 12 months ending with April, the natural increase declined from 20,137 to 18,070.

Marriages increased in April, but decreased for the 4- and 12-month periods ending with April. For January-April, marriages decreased by 2.2 percent from 8,990 to 8,794.

Dissolutions of Marriage decreased for all three time periods shown below. For January-April, dissolutions decreased by 9.2 percent from 7,461 to 6,773. For the 12 months ending with April, the marriage to divorce ratio increased from 1.71 to 1.79.

Infant Deaths decreased slightly in April as 43 Missouri infants died compared with 46 in April of 2012. Infant deaths decreased for the first four months of the year, but for the 12 months ending with April, the infant death rate increased from 6.1 to 6.4 per 1,000 live births.

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Item	<u>April</u>				<u>January-April</u>				<u>12 months ending with April</u>				
	<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		
	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
Live Births	5,815	5,937	11.8	12.0	23,825	23,681	12.0	11.9	75,730	75,256	12.7	12.6	12.5
Deaths	4,433	4,788	9.0	9.7	19,096	20,497	9.6	10.3	55,593	57,186	9.2	9.2	9.5
Natural increase	1,382	1,149	2.8	2.3	4,729	3,184	2.4	1.6	20,137	18,070	3.5	3.3	3.0
Marriages	2,847	3,089	5.8	6.2	8,990	8,794	4.5	4.4	39,821	39,182	6.5	6.6	6.5
Dissolutions	2,016	1,876	4.1	3.8	7,461	6,773	3.7	3.4	23,266	21,865	3.9	3.9	3.6
Infant deaths	46	43	7.9	7.2	162	148	6.8	6.2	459	482	6.7	6.1	6.4
Population base (in thousands)			6,022	6,035			6,022	6,035			5,996	6,013	6,026

* Rates for live births, deaths, natural increase, marriages and dissolutions are computed on the number per 1,000 estimated population. The infant death rate is based on the number of infant deaths per 1,000 live births. Beginning with provisional July 2006 data numbers and rates are based on month of event rather than month of report. This will result in a delay in reporting, but will more accurately reflect current trends.

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